

SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On December 13, 2005, at about 2:00 pm, a crew was repairing a conveyor belt splice on the bottom belt. A 25 year-old employee was on top of the bottom belt preparing to insert the belt pin as the belt was ratcheted together. A 50 year-old employee was ratcheting the belt together when the belt clamp broke and struck the 50 year-old employee in the head causing slight injuries to the head and bruising of the eyes. The 25 year-old employee was pulled back under the top belt and had trouble breathing until he was extricated from the belt. Fortunately, neither employee suffered serious injuries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Employees should not be on the top of belt being spliced.

Mine personnel ratcheting belt together should not stand in direct line of the belt ropes or clamps during the ratcheting operation.

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